

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE QUDIAN INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

Master File No.: 1:17-cv-09741-JMF

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1:17-cv-09796-JMF
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES**

This matter came on for hearing on June 8, 2021 (the “Settlement Hearing”) on Co-Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that notice of the Settlement Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was provided to all Class Members who or which could be identified with reasonable effort, and that a summary notice of the hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was published in *Investor’s Business Daily* and was transmitted over the *PR Newswire* pursuant to the specifications of the Court; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the award of attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses requested,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated November 13, 2020 (ECF No. 227-1, “Stipulation”) and all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.
2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the action and all parties to this action, including all Class Members.
3. Notice of Co-Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Class of the motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)), due process, and all other applicable law and rules, constituted the best notice practicable under

the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

4. Co-Lead Counsel are hereby awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of 33½ % of the Settlement Fund (which amount includes interest earned at the same rate as the Settlement Fund) and \$ 140,764.22 in reimbursement of counsel's out-of-pocket litigation expenses (which fees and expenses shall be paid from the Settlement Fund). The Court finds these sums to be fair and reasonable.

5. In making this award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of expenses to be paid from the Settlement Fund, the Court has considered and found that:

- (a) The Settlement has created a fund of \$8,500,000 in cash that has been funded into escrow pursuant to the terms of the Stipulation, and that numerous Class Members who submit acceptable Claim Forms will benefit from the Settlement that occurred because of the efforts of Co-Lead Counsel and other Plaintiffs' Counsel;
- (b) Approximately 40,203 Notice Packets, consisting of the Notice and Claim Form, were mailed to potential Settlement Class Members and nominees stating that Co-Lead Counsel would apply for attorneys' fees in an amount not exceed 33½% of the Settlement Fund and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses in an amount not to exceed \$225,000. There were no objections to the requested attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses;
- (c) Co-Lead Counsel has conducted the litigation and achieved the Settlement with skill, perseverance and diligent advocacy;
- (d) The Action raised a number of complex issues;

(e) Had Co-Lead Counsel not achieved the Settlement there would remain a significant risk that Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class may have recovered less than the Settlement Amount, or nothing at all, from Defendants;

(f) Plaintiffs' Counsel devoted at least 4,233.55 hours through March 12, 2021, with a lodestar value of approximately \$3,509,194.75, to achieve the Settlement; and

(g) The amount of attorneys' fees awarded and expenses to be reimbursed from the Settlement Fund are fair and reasonable and consistent with awards in similar cases.

6. Lead Plaintiff Alan B. Hertz is hereby awarded \$ 25,000 from the Settlement Fund as reimbursement for his reasonable costs and expenses directly related to his representation of the Class.

7. Class Representative Darwin Sutanto is hereby awarded \$ 12,500 from the Settlement Fund as reimbursement for his reasonable costs and expenses directly related to his representation of the Class.

8. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval regarding any attorneys' fees and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Judgment.

9. Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby retained over the parties and the Class Members for all matters relating to this Action, including the administration, interpretation, effectuation or enforcement of the Stipulation and this Order.

10. In the event that the Settlement is terminated or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by the Settlement.

11. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of June, 2021.



The Honorable Jesse M. Furman
United States District Judge